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NAME OF ORGANIZATION	Meeting	DATE
1. The National Conference of Charities and Correction.....	27th	May, 18-24, 1900...
2. Canadian Conference of Charities and Correction.....	3rd	June, 5-6, 1900...
3. Colorado State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	5th	March., 24-26, 1900
4. Delaware State Conference of Charities and Institutions.....	4th	April, 1900.....
5. Illinois State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	5th	Oct. 3-4, 1900....
6. Indiana State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	9th	Dec., 1900.....
7. Iowa State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	3rd	Mar., 27-29, 1900..
8. Maryland Conference of Charities and Correction.....	3rd	Nov., 1900.....
9. Michigan Conference of County Agents, and Convention of the } Board of Correction and Charities..... }	18th	Dec. 14-15, 1899...
10. Minnesota State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	9th	Oct., 1900.....
11. Missouri State Convention of Charities and Correction.....	2nda
12. Nebraska State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	3rd	Feb., 7-8, 1900....
13. New Hampshire State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	2nd	April, 4, 1900....
14. New York Convention of County Superintendents of the poor.....	30th	June, 1900.....
15. Ohio State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	10th	Oct., 1900.....
16. Pennsylvania Association of Directors of the Poor and Charities.....	26th	Oct., 1900.....
17. Wisconsin State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	10tha

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1. American Humane Association.....	24th	Nov., 1900.....
2. American Medico-Psychological Association.....	May 8-11, 1900....
3. American Social Science Association.....	36th	May, 1900.....
4. Association of Assistant Physicians of Hospitals for Insane.....	8th	Sept., 1900.....
5. Association of Medical Officers of American Institutions for Idiotic } and Feeble-Minded..... }	24th	May, 1900.....
6. Association of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses.....	6th	May, 1900.....
7. Boys and Girls National Home and Employment Association.....	11th	1900.....
8. Illinois Association of Supervisors, Co. Com'rs and Co. Clerks.....	Jan. 9-11, 1900....
9. Indiana Association of Township Trustees.....	Dec. 27-28, 1899...
10. Michigan Superintendents of the Poor and Union Association.....	20tha
11. Mohonk Arbitration Conference.....	6th	May 30, June 1, '00
12. Mohonk Indian Conference.....	Oct. 10, 1900.....
13. National Childrens' Home Society.....	17th	May, 1900.....
14. National Conference of Day Nurseries.....	4th	1900.....
15. National Congress of Mothers.....	5th	May 23-28, 1900....
16. National Prison Association.....	24th	Sept. 15-17, 1900..
17. National Prison Chaplains' Association.....	15th	Sept. 15-17, 1900..
18. Prison Wardens' Association.....	Sept. 15-17, 1900..

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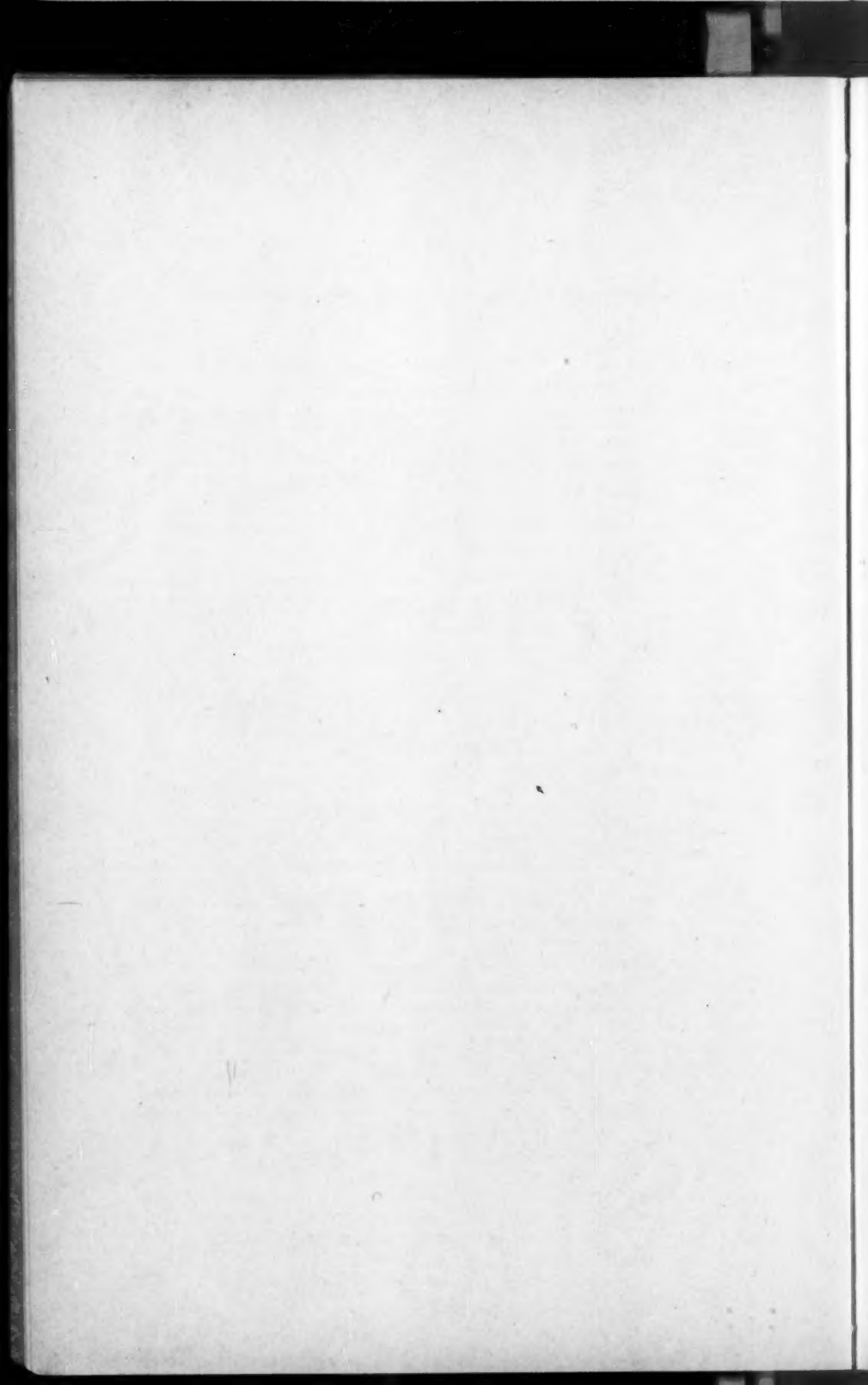
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CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, AND KINDRED ORGANIZATIONS.

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NUMBER 1.

Date of the Conference.

THE National Conference of Charities and Correction will meet in Topeka, May, 18-24, instead of May 16-22, as heretofore announced. The Republican State Convention is to meet in Topeka, May 16 and 17, which will interfere with the date previously announced.

Preparations for the Topeka Conference.

THE Executive Committee of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, met at the Palmer House, in Chicago, Oct. 28, 1899. There were present President C. E. Faulkner of Minnesota, Miss Mary E. Perry of Missouri, Hon. W. P. Lyon of Wisconsin, Hon. John R. Elder of Indiana, Mr. Ernest P. Bicknell, and General Secretary Hastings H. Hart, of Illinois.

A tentative program of the Topeka meeting was presented by the President and Secretary, and was agreed to. The Secretary was instructed to call the attention of chairmen of committees to the rule providing that only one paper shall be presented at each section meeting, the remainder of the time to be devoted to free discussion. It was announced that arrangements would be made to enable the members of the Conference to visit Haskell Institute at Lawrence; also the United States Prison, and the Soldier's Home at Leavenworth. The session of the Prison Committee will be held at Leavenworth.

The President and Secretary were appointed as a special committee on railroad facilities.

President Faulkner presented resolutions from the Board of County Commissioners of Shawnee County, Kansas, pledging cordial support. The committee adjourned subject to the call of the President.

A Testimonial. "PERMIT me to thank you heartily for the courtesy shown in causing advance sheets of your report to be sent from the printer's office. They reached me promptly and have been immensely valuable, because so recent and so much more useful than the State official reports sent to me, through the Governors.

"I shall take the liberty of making copious extracts in the matter of State Charities—not corrections, and will give full credit to you and your correspondents.

"I must certainly compliment you on the excellence of the material on pp. 1-336. It represents a vast amount of conscientious work, ably arranged and edited.

Yours very truly,

"THOS. CAMPBELL COPELAND."

**Comments of a
New Member.**

BEING asked to make a report on the Conference, a new member of the Conference who attended the Cincinnati meeting, replied as follows: "I do not think I ever spent a week of such intense excitement or such unbroken pleasure, and I feel I have gained enough to pay for twice the exertion and expense. I will do my best to present what interested me at the Conference. Do not expect too much of me, however, as it is difficult to express an advance that is not so much in definite information as in general stimulus and breadth of outlook."

A Premonition. THE effects of the Topeka Conference are already being felt in advance. A movement has been started to organize a Kansas State Conference of Charities and Correction, with the probability that Professor F. W. Blackmar, of the State University, will be made President. They do things promptly in Kansas.

**Missing Volumes
of Proceedings.**

THE American Commissioners for the Paris Exposition are very desirous of obtaining a complete set of proceedings of the National Conference of Charities and Correction for the Paris Exposition. The following named volumes cannot be obtained, being out of print: 1875, 1876, 1879, and 1880. Any one who can furnish either of the missing volumes, or can tell where they can be obtained, will confer a great favor by writing to the Secretary, Hastings H. Hart, 115 Monroe St., Chicago.

**Interest
At Topeka.**

PRESIDENT C. E. FAULKNER of Minneapolis, with ex-President A. O. Wright, and General Secretary Hastings H. Hart, visited Topeka January 6th and 7th, 1900. Hon. J. A. Troutman, as Vice-President of the Conferences, and chairman of the Topeka Local Committee, had made ample preparations for their coming. An enthusiastic meeting of citizens was held at the Copeland hotel on Saturday, Jan. 6th, and complete support

was cordially pledged. On Sunday, January 7th, the visitors were divided among the leading churches of Topeka, which gave up their services to them. Addresses were made in seven churches and in the Young Men's Christian Association. These addresses were favorably received. On Monday morning the Ministers Union held a large special meeting to meet the committee, and learn what they could do for the success of the conference. At 11 o'clock, the committee met the Federation of Women's Clubs, who pledged their hearty co-operation. The newspapers took up the work of the Conference cordially, and it is evident that no local co-operation will be lacking.

The Governor, the State officials and the Trustees and Superintendents of State Institutions and members of State Boards, have tendered their services. The Conference will have the use of the State Capitol, with the hall of representatives, the senate chamber, the supreme court room, and such other rooms as may be needed.

Hotels. THE headquarters of the Conference will be the Copeland hotel, one block from the State Capitol. This hotel can accommodate probably about 125 members of the Conference. The remainder will be accommodated at the Throop, the National, and other hotels. Topeka has excellent hotels, and will be able to accomodate the Conference admirably.

Excursions. ARRANGEMENTS are being made to visit Haskell Institute and the Indian School at Lawrence, which is second in size and efficiency only to the Hampton Institute. Arrangements will be made also to visit the new National Prison at Leavenworth, under Warden McClaughry, and also the National Soldiers' Home at that place.

Railroads. THE railroads will make at least the usual rate of a fare and a third. A half-fare rate from Chicago is hoped for. It is expected that arrangements will be made for a special train from Chicago without change of cars, enabling the members of the Conference to travel together from Chicago to Topeka.

Local Attendance. ACTIVE measures are already on foot to secure a large attendance from the State of Kansas. The County Commissioners of Shawnee County, in which Topeka is located, will extend invitations to the commissioners of the other counties of the State, to attend the Conference, and the Governor will join in this invitation. One day of the Conference will be devoted to the work of Municipal and County Charities, with evening addresses, illustrated by the stereopticon.

The Stereopticon. A SPECIAL feature of the Topeka Conference will be the use of the stereopticon to illustrate the evening addresses. Dr Peterson, of New York, will exhibit views illustrating the Craig Colony at Sonyea. Mr. Stonaker will exhibit views of model jails and poorhouses; also views of model prisons and reformatories, including the Elmira Reformatory. Mr. Folks will exhibit views illustrating the best hospitals for the insane. Mr. Grout will illustrate the work of charity organization societies. Mr. Hart will illustrate child-saving work. Mr. Drake will show views of juvenile reformatories. Prof. F. W. Blackmar, of the State University at Lawrence, has general charge of the stereopticon work, and is arranging to make the necessary views.

Attend the Conference.

KANSAS is ripe to receive great benefit from this Conference. For many years the public institutions have been subjected to the evils of partisan control. A general feeling now exists in favor of a different order of things. The Governor of the State, and other public men have expressed themselves emphatically on this point, and it is generally believed that the Conference will inaugurate a new era. Thus far there has been no development of charity organization work in the cities of the State; the cities are rapidly growing, and there is now opportunity to inaugurate charity organization work from the foundation. The prosperity of the past two years, succeeding the long financial depression, opens the way for the inauguration of new ways and new methods.

Local Arrangements at Topeka.

THE chairman of the local committee is Hon. J. A. Troutman, ex-Lieutenant Governor of the State of Kansas, a most efficient and capable man. Mr. Troutman will have the assistance of an efficient local committee, and the Conference can depend upon having the best possible care.

The only danger is, that the Conference will be overwhelmed with attentions, and the local committee have been cautioned not to overdo the matter of entertainment, since the Conference is a working body.

The Federation of Women's Clubs is already organizing to do their part. The many club women who attend the Conference will find themselves in congenial atmosphere. Topeka is an intellectual city, containing many cultivated people.

OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM

—OF THE—

TWENTY-SEVENTH

National Conference of Charities and Correction,

TOPEKA, MAY 18-24, 1900.

GENERAL PROGRAM.

FRIDAY, May 18, Evening—Opening.

SATURDAY, May 19, Morning—County and Municipal Charities; Poor-houses.

Afternoon—Sections:

Organization of Charity.

Care of Destitute and Neglected Children.

County and Municipal Charities.

Reformatories and Industrial Schools.

5 P. M., Meeting to Organize the Kansas State Conference of Charities and Correction.

SATURDAY, May 19, Evening—Jails, Lockups and Reformatories; Stereopticon Views of the Elmira Reformatory.

SUNDAY, May 20, Morning—Conference Sermon, by the Rev. Fred. H. Wines, LL. D., of Washington.

" " " Evening—Care of Destitute and Neglected Children (Stereopticon).

MONDAY, May 21, Morning—Public Policy in Caring for the Insane.

" " " Afternoon—Visit the State Hospital for the Insane.

" " " Evening—Feeble-Minded and Epileptics (Stereopticon).

TUESDAY, May 22, Morning—Politics in Charitable and Correctional Affairs.

Sections:

Organization of Charity.
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TUESDAY, May 22, Afternoon—Visit U. S. Indian School at Lawrence.

" " " Evening—Reformatories and Industrial Schools (Stereopticon).

WEDNESDAY, May 23, Morning—Reports from States: State Boards and Commissioners.

" " " Afternoon—Sections:
Organization of Charity.
Care of Destitute and Neglected Children.
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WEDNESDAY, May 23, Evening—Charity Organization.

THURSDAY, May 24. Morning—Visit U. S. Prison at Leavenworth.

" " " Afternoon—Visit U. S. Soldiers' Home; Prisons and Reformatories for Adults.

**The Volume
of Proceedings.**

about March 1st.

THE volume of proceedings has been delayed by the loss of a quantity of copy in transit. The copy has been recovered and the volume will be issued

To Our Subscribers.

THE August and November numbers of the National Bulletin of Charities and Correction were omitted. Twenty-five cents will be refunded to such members and subscribers as request it in payment for the omitted numbers.

The Bulletin has been removed from St. Paul to Chicago, and will be issued regularly hereafter.

The State Conferences of Charities.

THE ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE.

The fourth annual meeting of the Illinois State Conference of Charities and Correction, was held at Bloomington, Nov. 1 and 2, 1899. The president of the Conference was Mr. Wm. A. Talcott, of Rockford. The plan of the Conference was to have one or two leading papers on each topic, followed by five minutes' addresses. Some of the five minutes' addresses blossomed out into papers of ten or fifteen minutes, so that the general discussion which had been planned for, was a partial failure. The topics discussed were: "The Co-operation of Charities in Small Cities," opened by Dr. J. A. Whitehall; "The Preventive Force of Education," opened by Rt. Rev. J. L. Spalding, Bishop of Peoria; "The Preventive Value of Organizations to Modify Industrial Conditions," by Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, of Chicago; "How far can Charity be made Preventive," by Dr. Stolz, of Chicago. Dr. Stolz's admirable paper was one of the features of the Conference. "How can Jails and State Prisons be Managed so that They Will Cease to Demoralize Prisoners?" by Charles E. Epler, of Quincy; "Should Outdoor Relief be Paid from County or Township Treasuries?" opened by Ernest P. Bicknell of Chicago; "The Sick, the Child and the Insane in the Poorhouse," opened by Dr. W. E. Taylor, of Watertown; "Craig Colony for Epileptics," illustrated by stereopticon, by Dr. W. A. Spratling of Sonyea, N. Y. The discussion of the care of epileptics was of unusual interest, in view of the proposed colony of epileptics in the State of Illinois. Bishop Spalding's address on the "Preventive Force of Education," attracted much attention.

THE INDIANA STATE CONFERENCE.

The eighth Annual State Conference of Charities and Corrections was held at La Fayette, Oct. 3d to 5th, 1899. Mr. John M. Holliday, of Indianapolis, presided.

The Conference was called to order by Mortimer Levering, of La Fayette. Following the address of welcome, Mr. Holliday presented his presidential address, after which Prof. Charles R. Henderson, of Chicago University, addressed the Conference on the subject of "The Value of Associated Charities in Small Cities." Gen. James R. Carnahan next spoke, his subject being, "The Indiana State Soldiers' Home."

At the second session, the general subject was "County and Township Charities." Papers were read as follows: "The Conditions and Needs of

our County Jails," by Amos W. Butler, Indianapolis; "Discipline and Employment for Men in the Poor Asylum," by J. C. Harvey, Cambridge City; "Employment for Women in the Poor Asylum," Mrs. A. Heagy, Matron Madison County Poor Asylum, Anderson. Joseph P. Byers, Secretary of the Ohio State Board of Charities, delivered an address on "Boards of County Charities and Corrections," dealing with the experience of Ohio with such boards. From it was gathered much that will be of help to the County Boards recently appointed in Indiana. The subject was discussed by Mrs. Emma Lee Elam, a member of the Marion County Board of Charities and Corrections. A. C. Pershing, of Muncie, presented a paper on "Statistics of Outdoor Poor Relief," in which he gave his own experiences under the new law.

The general subject of the third session was "Organized Charities." The chairman of the Committee, Rev. J. Challen Smith, of Alexandria, presented a paper on "The Progress of Organized Charities." W. C. Ball, of Terre Haute, spoke on "Business Methods in Charity."

At the fourth session the general subject of "Child Saving" was introduced by an address of the chairman of the committee, Miss Mary A. Goldizen, of La Fayette. Mrs. Julia E. Work, superintendent of the Work Orphan Home, Plymouth, presented a paper on "The Care of Non-placable and Defective Children Other than Feeble-Minded," which was discussed by Levi Binford, of Wabash. Following this occurred a symposium on "Factors in the Prevention of Crime." The following topics were discussed: "Truancy Law," by Frank L. Jones, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Indiana, Indianapolis; "Child Labor Law," D. H. McAbee, State Factory Inspector, Indianapolis; "Dependent Children Laws," W. B. Streeter, State Agent Board of State Charities and Corrections, Indianapolis; "Curfew Ordinance," James F. Quigley, Superintendent of Police, Indianapolis; "Vacation Schools," Mrs. Philip Rappaport, Indianapolis.

"State Institutions," was the general subject at the fifth session. Alexander Johnson, Superintendent of the School for Feeble-Minded Youth, Ft. Wayne, gave an address on "An Indiana Institution for Epileptics," following which, the chairman, Dr. S. E. Smith, Superintendent of the Eastern Hospital for the Insane, Richmond, read a paper on "The Care of the Insane." Prof. T. J. Charlton, Superintendent of the Reform School for Boys, Plainfield, read a paper on "The Work of the Reform School for Boys."

On the mornings of the 4th and 5th, three "round tables" held separate meetings. These were devoted respectively to the work of State institutions, child-saving and organized charity. They were well attended, and developed great interest.

The ninth Conference will be held in New Albany, probably in December of 1900. W. C. Ball, of Terre Haute, was elected President, and Alvin T. Hert, of Jeffersonville, Secretary.

THE MINNESOTA STATE CONFERENCE.

The eighth Minnesota State Conference of Charities and Correction, met at Duluth, September 4-6, 1899. The President of the Conference was Dr. A. C. Rogers, Superintendent of the Minnesota State School for Feeble-Minded Children.

In Minnesota, the superintendents and the trustees of the State institutions take an active part in the proceedings of the Conference. The Conference has frequently met in towns where State institutions are located, which has afforded an opportunity for the members to become acquainted with the State institutions.

The principal papers were as follows: "Give the Man a Chance," by Bishop M. N. Gilbert, of St. Paul; "The Restriction of Marriage of Delinquents and Defectives," by Hon. Wallace B. Douglas, Attorney General, St. Paul; "Methods of Caring for the Chronic Insane," by Superintendent Geo. O. Welch, Fergus Falls, and President C. E. Faulkner, of Minneapolis; "Chronic Offenders," by Herman Oppenheim of St. Paul; "Physical Environment as a Factor in Social Elevation," by Miss Alice Mott, of Faribault; "The Economic Administration of Charity," by William C. Smallwood, of Minneapolis; "The Need of Separate Care for Epileptics," by Hastings H. Hart, LL. D., of Chicago; "The Indigent Adult Blind," by Superintendent J. J. Dow, of Faribault; "The Child and the State," by Miss Grace Johnston, Agent of the State Training School, Red Wing; "The Results of Work for Dependent Children in Minnesota," by Miss Mary Allen Davies, Owatonna; "The Elimination of Charity by Child Training," by Mrs. Henry E. Marshall, of Duluth.

There was much animated discussion; the papers of Miss Alice Mott and Miss Grace Johnston, were especially noteworthy. Much interest was shown in the subject of the care of epileptics, and contrary to the precedents of the Conference, a committee was appointed to take steps to secure legislation in behalf of epileptics.

The members of the Conference visited the St. Louis County Jail at Duluth, one of the best County Jails in the Northwest. The next meeting will be held in Winona. Prof. W. W. Folwell, LL. D., of the State University, was elected President of the Conference of 1900.

THE NEW YORK STATE CONFERENCE.

The twenty-ninth annual State Conference of the County Superintendents of the Poor of the State of New York was held at Poughkeepsie, June 13-15, 1899. The president of the Conference was Superintendent J. W. Ives, of Wyoming. The program was arranged by a committee, of which Dr. H. C. Taylor, of Chautauqua, was chairman. The Convention was held in the Vassar Institute.

In the "Children's Department" the following topics were discussed: "How Best to Deal with Orphans and Destitute Children," by Superintendent L. L. Long, of Erie; "The Care of Destitute Children," by Hon. A. Simis, Commissioner for Public Charities in Brooklyn; "The Work of the State Charities Aid Association for Dependent Children," by Miss Mary Vida Clark, of New York; "Is it Advisable, All Things Considered, for the State to Assume the Control and Education of the Dependent Children of the State?" by Superintendent L. A. Page, of Ontario; "Should Parents be Made Legally Responsible for the Support of Delinquent Children Committed to Institutions?" by Superintendent Henry Esser, of Westchester.

In the "Department of the Care of the Poor," the following topics were discussed: "Necessity for Special Sanitation in Institutions of the Poor," by Dr. G. W. Brush, of Brooklyn; "Almshouse Inspection as undertaken by the State Board of Charities," by Secretary Robert W. Hebbard, of Albany; "Care of the Poor in England," by Prof Herbert E. Mills, of Vassar College, with stereopticon views; "Some Features of the New Poor Law," by Superintendent G. L. Mosier, of Cattaragus; "Outside Relief," by Frederic Almy, Secretary of the Charity Organization Society of Buffalo; "The Tramp Problem," by Superintendent C. D. Lodge, of Monroe County; "The George Junior Republic; Its Practicability, and its Bearing for Good," by G. R. George, of Tompkins; "Work as a Factor In the Management of Public Charities, by Dr. H. C. Taylor, of Chautauqua.

A feature of the New York Conference is the call of counties. An opportunity is given to the representatives of each county to set forth the condition of the work in their several counties. These reports are very interesting, though they demand a large amount of time.

THE NEBRASKA STATE CONFERENCE.

The third Nebraska State Conference will be held in Lincoln, February 7th and 8th, 1900.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONFERENCE.

BY F. B. SANBORN.

The Proceedings of the Pennsylvania Association of Directors of the Poor has just been received, and gives the Proceedings of the twenty-fifth meeting, at Erie, the custom being to meet in a different county each year. The real founder of this Association, R. D. McGonnigle, of Allegheny, a veteran in the cause of charities, was present at this October meeting, and recalled to the members how much good work had been done by their society, and how greatly the condition of the public poor in Pennsylvania had improved since the first meeting, in 1875. He said: "Some people inquire what good this Association has done? To one who has been familiar with the work of the charities of Pennsylvania for over twenty-five years, as I have, it is hard to tell in a few words how much good I see it has done. When I look back twenty-five years and recollect the condition of the insane at that time, the condition of the poor children, and the general condition the Almshouses were in then, and the many improvements that have since come, I realize that this Association has been one of the means of bringing about great reforms. Formerly the almshouses were filled with children being raised up as paupers; to-day we have a law prohibiting their detention in the almshouse. That one thing has justified all the expense of these meetings. Then we have adopted the Wisconsin plan for the insane, which is going to work out an entire revolution in the care of our insane. The chronics will be taken care of in the counties, and we will have room in the hospitals and asylums for the new cases coming in. That has grown out of this Association. It was costing us too much to care for our chronic insane; it used to be \$3.75 a week, and now it costs the counties but \$1.25 a week."

Upon the subject last named, Dr. H. M. Wetherill, Lunacy Commissioner (Secretary of the Lunacy Committee) of Pennsylvania, spoke instructively at this Erie meeting, last October, giving the origin and progress of the Wisconsin system in his State. The "County Care Act," which introduced it, was passed May 25th, 1897, under these circumstances, according to this Pennsylvania State officer. "State hospitals were not forthcoming, new provision had to be made for the rapidly increasing insane; and so it became necessary to pass this act, which offers to any district, county or township that has or can supply suitable accommodation for its own indigent insane, that such district may take care of all classes of its insane, and receive from the State \$1.50 a week for each indigent patient. Now County care has started off to be a great success, considering the buildings that have been constructed or are now building, and the improvements of existing structures, all since May, 1897. County care has come to stay, and will be a great relief to overcrowded State hos-

pitals. It is a pitiable sight at the Norristown State Hospital at night, after the patients are in bed. Six or eight hundred of them sleep in beds on the floor, with good beds, but very little air space. The greatest evil is at night, and it requires a night visit to any of the five State hospitals to demonstrate the evils of overcrowding. County care becomes a great relief to that. Then, what in the world is the use of paying \$3.75 or \$3.35 a week for the care of the chronic insane in State Hospitals, where they are herded in enormous masses, far from their friends, when their own county can supply the same or better at far less cost? The \$1.50 paid by the State will finally pay for the new buildings, as it already has for the thirty-five County Asylums in Wisconsin. If there was a time when our counties could not take care of their chronic insane comfortably, such time has gone by forever. The day has gone by when any one can say that a county cannot take care of their insane, their own friends, neighbors and relatives. In New York they have a "State Care" Act; all the expense of the indigent insane is paid by the State, and all the insane are in State Hospitals. This has proved a very costly policy; there are indications that New York is getting tired of it."



THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE.

The second Canadian Conference of Charities was held in Toronto, June 2nd, 1899. The subjects discussed were: "Charity Organization," "Prison Reform," "Juvenile Delinquency," "Treatment of Inebriates," and "County Jails."

Judge H. S. McDonald, of Brockville, president of the Conference, said in his opening address, that among the topics to be discussed would be the subject of "The Inebriate," "The Term of Imprisonment," "The Indeterminate Sentence and Parole System," "Protection of Feeble-Minded Girls and Women in Order to Reduce the Number of Illegitimate Children," "Juvenile Delinquency with Means of Separation from Hardened Criminals," "Care of the Destitute Poor," "Work for the Unemployed," "Need of Reform with Regard to the Imprisonment of Women."

Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education of Government, said that the Conference had the co-operation of many of the judges. He drew attention to the large number of truants, and suggested how to make the Truancy Act more effective. He reviewed the projects which had been made for the treatment of inebriety, and said that the number of committals for drunkenness had largely fallen off. Hon. E. J. Davis, Secretary of the Province, pointed out that fully one-third of the revenue of the Province was expended on Charity. Mr. J. J. Kelso spoke effectively on "Charity Organization," and urged concentration of effort in Toronto. Mr. James Massie advocated a Central Board of Charity, with the special duty of curing truancy. He favored the application of the birch, and a central place of detention for truants. Mrs. S. G. Wood, a member of the National Conference for Women, advocated a Board of Associated Charities. Rev. P. C. Parker, with Rev. John Hunt, gave discouraging experiences with frauds. Other speakers emphasized the faults of indiscriminate giving. Dr. Oldright gave a talk on the "Duty of the Government to Pauper Inebriates. He told of the farce of repeatedly sending men to jail for drunkenness. He told of a man who had been committed 110 times in seven years, and a woman who had been sentenced ninety-four times. He stated that drunkenness is a disease, and drunkards must be treated as insane people are treated. Dr. J. T. Gilmore advocated the use of the whip for the reformation of confirmed drunkenness; he advocated also corporal punishment in penal institutions. Hon. Charles Drewry, Sheriff of the County of Simcoe, said the time had passed when the County Jails could be justly called schools of crime; he told of the "Prisoners Aid Society," and of the improvement in the class of prisoners. Mr. Drewry, like the other speakers, favored the indeterminate sentence and the parole system. Dr. Mackinnon read a paper showing the need of a Provincial institution for epileptics.

THE NATIONAL PRISON CONGRESS.

The National Prison Congress met at Hartford, Connecticut. September 23-27, 1899. This was a notable meeting of the Prison Association, bringing together many of the leading penologists of the country, together with other students of social science.

The following are the principal items of the program: Annual sermon by Rev. Charles M. Lamson, D. D.; "The Punishment of Prisoners," by Warden C. P. Hoyt, of Colorado; "Employment of Convict Labor," by Warden Henry Wolfer, of Minnesota; "Prison Discipline, its Aims and Effects," by F. M. Boucher, of North Dakota; "Indeterminate Sentence," by Hon. Charlton T. Lewis, of New York; "Prison Labor," by Hon. Carroll D. Wright, U. S. Commissioner of Labor; "Some Features of Prison Reform," by President W. F. Slocum, of Colorado College; "Lynching and Whitecapping," by Hon. A. C. Duncan, of Bloomington, Ind.; "Status of American Prison Systems," by Oscar Hintreger, LL.D., Department of Justice, Wurtemberg, Germany; "Parole," by Chaplain J. W. Comfort, of Jeffersonville, Indiana. The next session of the Prison Conference will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 15-17, 1900.



NECROLOGY.

MRS. ELLEN CHENEY JOHNSON.

The New York *Evening Post* referring editorially to the recent sudden death of Mrs. Ellen Cheney Johnson, Superintendent of the Sherburne (Mass) Reformatory for women says:

"The sudden death of Mrs. Elen Cheney Johnson in London, while in attendance at the International Women's Council, will bring deep sorrow to many homes in Massachusetts. She was the Superintendent of the Sherburne Reformatory for Women, the first prison in the world built for women and officered entirely by women. In the light of her remarkable achievements as the head of that institution, her death must be considered a heavy blow to the science of penology throughout the world. More than one widely traveled visitor, after inspecting the Reformatory under her charge has declared it to be a serious indictment of most other prison systems, and an encouraging example of what can be done to minimize crime by the use of humanitarian ideas and methods in the treatment of offenders. Mrs. Johnson's ruling principles in the governing of her wards were, that her institution was purely educational in its aim, that the inmates were no more to be punished than one punishes a child, and that it was her duty to find the good that is in even the most depraved, and by working upon that, to bring about the regeneration of character. She made it a rule never to know anything about the previous life or record of the prisoner, or of the special cause of their coming, never consulting the prison's carefully kept records, until forced to do so by the necessity of going into court to testify. Every offender in her charge knew at once that as far as Mrs. Johnson was concerned, her past was as if it never had been, and that, as a straightforward and friendly sister, the Superintendent, free from all weak or mawkish sentimentality, and obtrusive religious cant, was bending all the energies of the institution to fit her for a worthy future. It is in accordance with these ideas that there are no walls about the institution; that the trusted prisoners are allowed to roam around at will about the grounds, and that every incentive is held out to the newly arrived inmates to earn the distinguishing mark of good conduct. Except in the matter of her salary, the State fitly recognized her exceptional services and executive powers. It was Gov. Rice, who, on hearing complaints as to the cost of the prison, \$300,000, said that "It would be a cheap investment at three millions." Mr. Warren Spalding, formerly Secretary of the State Prison Commission, has stated that Mrs. Johnson, by her careful management, saved the State \$50,000 in ten years. But, best of all, throughout Massachusetts there are to day hundreds of women living in decent and comfortable homes, who owe their redemption to her wise and devoted efforts in their behalf.

WILLIAM PRESTON JOHNSTON.

President William Preston Johnston, of Tulane University, died at Lexington, Va., July 16th, 1899. When the National Conference of Charities and Correction held its special meeting in New Orleans in March, 1897, President Johnston gave it a most gracious welcome. President Johnston was a Yale graduate and successful lawyer, and a man of the highest character. He had an extraordinary influence upon young men.

HON. SELDEN E. MARVIN.

Died at Albany, N. Y., January, 1899.

THOS. M. FALES.

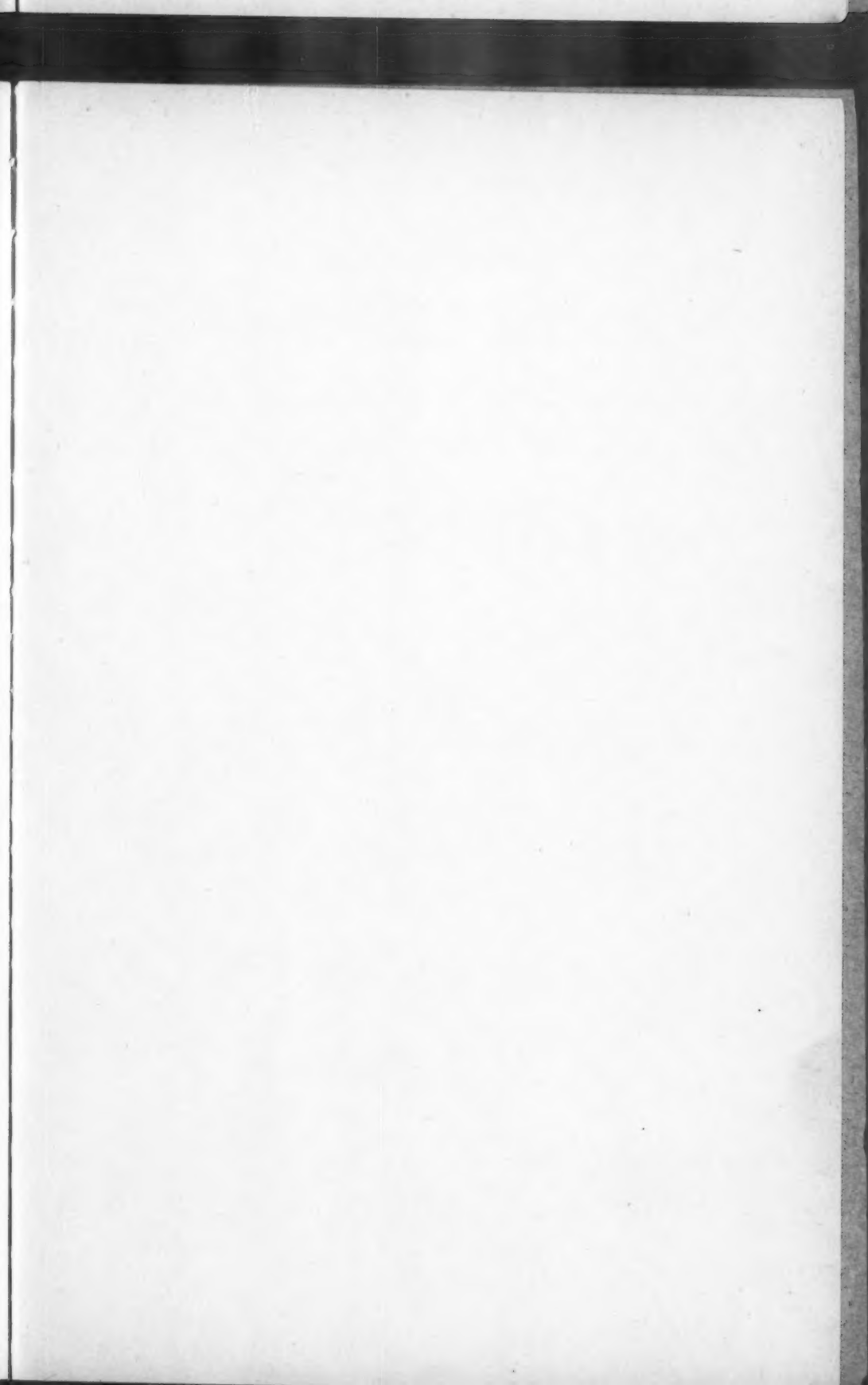
Died at Waltham, Mass., November 27, 1899

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